THE BETTER LAND.

I sat one night in a lighted hall, In the lonely midst of a silent crowd, And I heard a beautiful ballad fall, [cloud Like the lark's sweet song from a sunli Close at my sid, sat one whose hand Has a greater power than a king of old; And the singer sang of a better land, And the streets of gold.

She said that the flowers ne'er ceased to bloo That could not grow in this world of ours; That songs too sweet for the days of gloom Filled all the length of those brighter bours: That pleasures no mortal heart had known, In infinite numbers gathered there; That sorrow forgot to make her moan, And Hope her prayer.

And I drank, with a soul athirst, each word, And the words as they fell were filled with

Twas only a song I had often heard, Yet it grew like a psalm within my breast, For 1 saw the sweet face quivering near, I heard the tender, pitiful sigh, And I said in my heart, "That land is here, And very nigh."

What made that beaut ful realm so fair, And lit the gleam of its gelien hours? Twas the glory of love outshining there, And kissing the lips of buds and flowers. Love was the wonderful power for good, That banished the gloom of grief and care; And love was the form that woke, and stood Between us there.

So I knew that the better land begins Here, in the saddening cares of earth; That even from out our tears and sins The endless City of Rest has birth. And a fuller light to my soul was given, An angel touched me from above, For I learnt that night that Love is Heaven,

And Heaven is Love.

## PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

Endurance of Cold.

The greatest amount of cold ever known to be endured by white men overtook Lieutenant Schwatka's party in search of information about Sir John Franklin's party. They were over eleven months in sleds and journeyed about 3,000 miles. On January 3, 1880, the thermometer sunk 103 degrees below the freezing point. The highest temperature that day was 69 degrees below freezing point. For twenty-seven days fact, but biology suggests the mediate the average temperature was 92 degrees below the freezing point.

Early Rising. A distinguished German physician assured people awhile ago that early rising was a great mistake, and did not tend to make men "healthy, wealthy, and wise," but quite the contrary. But now the London Lancet says that brain workers should rise about six o'clock, take a very light breakfast, and then they can enjoy the "luxury of work with a clear brain" for a few hours. In view of the disagreement of authorities, each one had better suit himself-after carefully studying his individual nature.

Jet. This mineral is nothing more nor less than a species of pitch coal, found in detached masses, grained like wood, splitang horizontally, light, and moderately hard. It is eften confounded with "canhard. It is eften confounded with "cannel" coal, but it is quite distinct. Cannel coal is much harder than jet, has no
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drops cure in one minute. is not easily fused, and requires a mod. the effect of triching or kill it after it erately strong heat, burning with a fine, greenish-white flame, and emitting a patient to do is to take quinine if he is ly described here. of jet is, of course, its susceptibility for taking on a fine polish. Jet abounds more or less all over the world. In not, he dies. It is only in the stomach that triching breeds. The breeding is in the neighborhood of Whitby, in Yorkington, in the neighborhood of Whitby, in Yorkington, in the stomach. in the neighborhood of Whitby, in Yorkshire. There it is mixed with bituminized wood and coniferous trees in the upper lias or alum shale of the district. In Prussia it occurs in association with amber, and is named by the amber diggers "black amber," a phrase which seems to have traveled to Italy, for the mineral is there sometimes called "ambra nera." This term is more applicable from the fact that jet, like amber, becomes electrical by friction.

Color Printnig.

Another process of simultaneous color printing has been brought to the attention of the London Society of Arts. The prepared pigment chosen for the ground of the design is first run into a mould, so as to form a solid block about three inches thick, and the pattern is traced with a steel point upon a sheet of artificial tale, made with a mixture of collodion and oil, this being pressed upon the block so as to leave an impression of the lines upon its surface; the pattern is then cut out of the block by a sharp steel knife mounted on the end of an articulated parallelogram, so as to be maintained in a vertical position, while at the same time having a perfectly free horizontal motion. The various pigments forming the design are then poured into the spaces cut out, a kind of mould being formed temporarily by a portion of the ground color, supplemented by strips of wood soaked in water. The paint is poured in hot and and, as soon as it is cooled, another is added, and to on, until the whole design is finished, thus formingaccording to the description-a com-

Cutting Iron and Steel.

It is known that soft iron discs running at a circumferential speed of twelve thousand feet per minute will cut hard will not cut iron-s fact which is taken At the railway works at Crewe, England, the circular saws for cutting hot thirteen thousand feet per minute at the periphery, equal to a speed of about one hundred and fifty miles per hour. and 5-16 of an inch thick, driven through gearing in one case by a pair of locomoand two feet stroke. In another in- while the old bear was playing with her stance, also, the saw is driven direct by cubs the plucky huntress drew her rifle a three-cylinder engine, fourteen inches and shot her in the side. The bullet did produce.

diameter and eight inch stroke. Men- nobstrike the animal's heart, and astac tion is made, too, of a saw four feet and brute dashed at her again Lottie drew six inches diameter which is run at her hunting-knife and with one bold twelve hundred revolutions per minute stroke nearly severed the bear's head —equal to seventeen thousand feet per from the bedy. Congratulating herself

Man's Natural Food.

What is the natural food of man? As an abstract truth, the maxim of the phy-siologist Haller is absolutely unimpeachable: 'Our proper nutriment should consist of vegetable and semi-animal substances which can be eaten with relsh before their natural taste has been disguised by artificial preparation." For even the most approved modes of grinding, bolting, leavening, cooking, spicing, heating, and freezing our food are, strictly speaking, abuses of our digestive organs. It is a fallacy to suppose that hot spices aid the process of digestion; they irritate the stomach and cause it to discharge the ingesta as rapidly as possible, as it would hasten to rid itself of tartarized antimony or any other poison; but this very precipitation of the gastric functions prevents the forma-tion of healthy chyle. There is an im-portant difference between rapid and thorough digestion. In a similar way, a high temperature of our food facilitates deglutition, but, by dispensing with insalivation and the proper use of our teeth, we make the stomach perform the work of our jaws and salivary glands; in other words, we make our food less digestible. By bolting our flour and extracting the nutritive principle of various liquids, we fall into the opposite error; we try to assist our digestive organs by per-forming mechanically a part of their proper and legitmate functions. The health of the human system cannot be maintained on concentrated nutriment; even the air we inhale contains azotic gases which must be separated from the life-sustaining principle by the action ot our respiratory organs—not by any inorganic process. We cannot breath oure oxygen. For analogous reasons oran-flour makes better bread than bolted flour; meat and saccharine fruits are healthier than meat extracts and oure glucose. In short, artificial exracts and compounds are, on the whole, lese wholesome than the palatable products of Nature. In the case of branflour and certain fruits with a large percentage of wholly innutritious matter, chemistry fails to account for this cause: the normal type of our physical constitution dates from a period when the digestive organs of our (frugivorous ancestors adapted themselves to such food—a period compared with whose duration the age of grist-mills and made dishes is but of yesterday.

Trichinae.

Dr. Christian Fenzer has been talking about triching to a Chicago Tribune reporter. The Doctor said: "The first ase of trichinæ diagnosed was in 1855, but nothing like a general knowledge of the disease was obtained until about 1860. We know that the hog gets the disease by eating rats and mice, but we do not know where the rats and mice get their supply—very probably from insects, but we don't know just what insects. It has been almost satisfactorily settled that all carnivorous animals are liable to the affection, but it is also certain that animals not of that class have been diseased with triching. For instance, a pike-fish caught in the harbor of a Holland town was discovered to have its flesh impregnated with bituminous smell. The particular value at all feverish and strengthen himself on wine or beer. If he is able to stand the siege after the triching has found its way into his muscles, all right; if and it is while the little ones are scattering through the muscles in search of a permanent abode that the patient recovers. As an illustration of the terrible havoc which a small quantity of trichise could create he referred to the fact that once in a small European two days, caused the sickness of no less than 350 persons, of which number 100 died. "You might not believe it," said the Doctor, "but if the flesh of every diseased person were subjected to the micros-cope it would be shown that about one out of every twenty persons are affected more or less with trichine. This is an evidence of the fact that what is generally called rheumatism is often only a slight attack of triching."

## THRILLING ADVENTURE.

Woman Has a Desperate Fight With two Bears in the Blue Ridge Mountains - She Kills them Both and Captures Their two

A Baltimore special to the Chicago Tribune says: Mr. Thaddeus Nevans of Waynesboro, Pa., who arrived here today from up in the Blue Ridge chain, reports an exciting adventure among the mountains by Lottie Merrill, the handsome huntress of Wayne county, who a few does since had a terrible tussle with a big black bear, is which she vanquished the beast, but retwived serious injuries herself. The narritive, as told by the plucky Lottie to Mr. Nevans is, that on last Saturday, just after the great sleet-storm which swept over the country, she determined to go ort on the mountains and look for game. Accordingly, she donned hyr pantaloons of doeskin, blue cloth bloud, and big snow-shoes, and sallied forth, carrying with her, of course, her trus rifle and a brace of pistols," White crossing a marsh, just before ascending the mountain, she discovered footprints of a bear. Her huntress heart was delighted, and she started up the mountain steel, but five thousand feet per minute on the trail. She soon found bruin's home in a cave in the rocks, and on a advantage of in rolling mills to out bed of leaves were lying two little cubs large bars and beams in exact lengths. no bigger than kittens. Sne captured the prize and was retreating, when she encountered an immense she-bear, the steel are stated to have a velocity of mother of the cubs, who had scented the stranger. Before Lottle could draw her rifle to her shoulder the animal was upon her, and, grasping her in the paws, The saws are seven feet in diameter and gave her such a terrible squeeze that she tainted, when the bear, thinking her dead, released her grip. She fortunatetive cylinders seventeen inches diameter ly regained consciousness quickly, and

upon her narrow escape, the brave hunttress picked up the cubs and started homeward. She had proceeded but a short distance, however, when she encountered another of the savage beasts, the mate of the one she had killed. Although her rifle was unloaded, the brave little woman, born and bred among the mountains' dangers, retained her nerve. Unsheathing her clasp-knife as the beast approached her, she plungit into his throat; but he had caught her for the fatal hug. It was a struggle for life or death, and the brave woman fought desperately. During the struggle the girl and bear reached the edge of a cliff fully 100 feet high, and sloping at an angle of forty-five degreess down to the Wallinpaupock creek. As the animal grabbed Lottie he commenced sliding on the slippery crust down this almost perpendicular slope. Lottie was carr.ed with him, and every foot of the distance traversed added to their velocity. When they reached the foot of slope they struck against a tree, completely killing the bear and breaking two of Lottie's ribs and dislocating her right arm. She was picked up insensible by some hunters and taken to her home in Damascus, Wayne county, where she lies in a critical condition. This is the third miraculous escape this woman has had among the mountains. Lottie is known throughout western Maryland and across the Pennsylvania border. The male bear which she killed weighed 484 pounds.

## Oysters Seven Feet Long.

For many years New York has held the palm for oysters. The "Saddlerock" has become synonymous with extreme excellence and size; but those oysters are dwarfed by a recent discovery made by some scientific gentleman in the west, but this new bed will not be available to our metropolitan epicures, as the animals have long since been devoured, perhaps, by the Adam of the new world, and only the shells remaining, but of such proportions are they that the primevaltman, if he were here, would not have only required a fork, but a well-braced pitch-fork to remove the animals from its shell. Imagine an oyster shell seven feet in length and three or four in width, inclosing a plump, smiling, luscious morsel that would tip the scales at perhaps 150 pounds, and you have an idea of the appearance of that ancient mollusk. Kansas the State containing that wonderful bed, and the discoverers found piled in broken heaps, half buried in the chalky soil, and scattered around as it some giant race, disturbed by nature in the midst of a royal feast, had fled, leaving only the remains as monuments to tell as the mauvais terres, or Bad Lands, a country too wonderful to be adequate-

Muscatine Journal.

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An Englishman on America.

An Englishman who visits this country and appreciates what is best in the National character and habits of life is a rarity. Mr. T. R. Wilkinson, the cashier of the Manchester and Salford Bank, after keeping his eyes open in the United States for a month has recrossed the Atlantic and written a series of generous letters on different phases of American life. These have been so fair, so able and so interesting that it is to be hoped that he will publish them in book form. In closing the series he remarks, "In my travels in the States, I was often reminded, without knowing why, of what had clung to my imagination, from the days when as an obscure worker, in sympathy with the cause of justice and freedom, I read the words of our great countryman, in December, 1862, who speaking at Birmingham of what was in his minds eye, said: It may be but a vision but I cherish it. I see one vast confederation stretching from the frozen North in unbroken line to the glowing South, and from the wild billows of the Atlantic westward to the calmer waters of the Pacific main; and I see one people, and one language, and one law, and one faith, and, over all that wide continent, the home of freedom, and a refuge for the oppressed of every race and of every clime.' "

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Comparisons of the New Census.

The new census suggests many interesting comparisons. The fifty millions and more of people in the country last July must by this time have increased to fifty one millions. New York State alone has one tenth of this number; and a central area of six contiguous States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Ohio contain twoive and a half millions. Rhode Island has more people than Florida. Illinos contains over three million people, and is now only 120,000 behind Ohio, which it will probably surpass by 1890, thus becom-ing the third State in the Union. If dissouri be counted henceforth among Western rather than Southern States, the most populous of the latter will be Kentucky; but just behind are four close ivals, Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, and Virginia, having each over fifteen hun-dred thousand and less than sixteen hundred thousand people. Texas has raised her relative position on the schedule of States more than any other in the past ten years. Iowa is one of the rapidly growing States of the Northwest: she is far ahead of Wisconsin. Two States widely separated in geographical position were neck-and-neck last Justin week. last July in population, and both had grown surprisingly in the last ten years
—Kansas, with 995,335 people, and South Carolina, with 995,706. By this time each has more than a million to her credit, so making the States containing a million or more people already twenty-one in number.

Gave 'em Away.

A certain fashionable lady in San Francisco, whose lovely daughters are regarded as the most elegant belies of the city, having become disgusted with the arrogance, lies, and neglect of the 'colored gemman' who deigned to wait upon them, suddenly discharged that personage and employed a Celest tial, who had been strongly recommended to her for his strict attention to his duties and perfect truthfulness. Soon after his installation his mistress determined to give an informal "hop," and on the atternoon of the day on which the party was to take place told Lung to say "Not at home" to any one who called. As chance would have it, one of the young ladies' most fastidious beaus, and one on whom they all wished to make a favorable impression, came to ask permission to bring a friend with him in the evening, and on inquiring for the ladies was told by the truthful Lung: "They tell me say all going but old woman she in kitchen washee dishee, the young misses they up stairs paintee faces." It is needless up stairs paintee faces." to say the young man did not put in his appearance that evening, and the truth-ful Lung is seeking another situation.

A gentleman, as the story goes, went to a certain house the other day; and meeting a German friend at the gate inquired, "Is Mr. - in?" "Yes," was the reply. When about to pull the bell the Teuton called him back and said: "He is in, but he is det."

The fee of actors.

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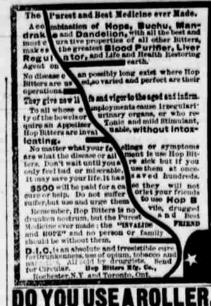
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